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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Mobilization Post Refractive Eye Surgery

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidelines for the Army Reserve regarding mobilization after having refractive eye surgery such as Laser-Assisted In Situ Keratomileusis (LASIK) or laser vision correction.
2. The standard guideline is that a Soldier will not deploy for 90 days after laser refractive eye surgery. This period may have to be extended if the individual experiences complications from the procedure. There may be rare circumstances that would require consideration of an earlier deployment. Requests for deployment earlier than 90 days after the procedure will be individually reviewed by the Army Reserve Surgeon. If the Soldier's clinical condition allows for earlier deployment, the Army Reserve Surgeon will recommend a waiver to the Soldier's commander, but under no circumstances, will any Soldier deploy earlier than 30 days after laser refractive eye surgery.
3. Prior to mobilization, individuals must meet retention requirements for visual acuity per AR 40-501 and may not be on a temporary profile for visual side effects secondary to the surgery that affect daily activities.
4. Requests for waivers may be submitted to the Army Reserve Surgeon and must include a recommendation from the surgeon performing the procedure.
5. The point of contact for this office is the Army Reserve Surgeon, COL Jon Fruendt at (404) 464-8211.


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